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The young physicians in Palatka last week to take the examination before the State's examiners, were given an excursion to Federal Point and return on the steamer Crescent immediately on adjournment of the school on Thursday. This excursion was with the compliments of the Palatka board of trade, who chartered the steamer, but—

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PALATKA ELKS GIVE THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET

Enjoyable Event Takes Place Wednesday Night.

Forty couples enjoyed a feast of conversation and laughter and taste fully prepared viands, Wednesday evening in the Elks' club rooms, it being the third anniversary of Palatka Lodge, No. 1323, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

A reception was held from 8 to 9:30 o'clock in the rooms on the second floor. Music was furnished by Chattaway's orchestra. When the merry couples formed in line and marched into the banquet hall on the third floor there were many exclamations of surprise, for the room was prettily decorated in long streamers of purple and white, the club colors, and electric fans swept waves of cool air athwart the four long banquet tables.

There was no speechmaking, but Mr. D. W. Ramsaur gave a pretty toast to all Elks. Shortly before 11 o'clock, at the request of Exalted Ruler W. P. Merriam, the banqueters sang "Auld Lang Syne," and at 11 o'clock—a memorable hour in all Elksdom—everyone present rose while the members of the order gave a silent toast to absent brothers.

Messrs. Howell A. Davis, Perry Ross and Howard Boxton were the committee of arrangements.

Credit is due them, and to the club steward, Mr. Thomas M. Ray, who also was caterer on this occasion, for the splendid success of the event.

The Palatka Lodge of Elks holds highest score of any lodge of Elks in the State.

Public Library Closed Temporarily. The public library will be closed all next week for the purpose of recataloging the books. It is therefore necessary that all books be returned to the library on or before Monday, June 29th. Several books have been missing for some time, among them the "Argyle Case." The library will re-open Monday July 6th.

BIG ROAD ENGINE GOES THROUGH BRIDGE

With Six Trailers and all on Board—No one Seriously Injured.

The big Holt caterpillar traction engine with its six heavy wagon trailers for hauling material went through the St. Johns river bridge while crossing to this city from East Palatka this morning about 8:30.

Two spans of the bridge gave way and the big engine went head-first into the river carrying the six trailers. The engineer and men employed all went through with the engine and trailers, but none it is thought were seriously injured. The engineer's injuries are the worst, but at this early hour it is not possible to tell how serious they are. All the men are accounted for.

The big engine had been up to Crescent City doing road work and was on its way to this city. The County Commissioners had it in mind to buy the machine, but at a meeting called specially on Wednesday it was decided not to do so.

The bridge will not be repaired in several days. The two spans to give way were being rebuilt. The accident happened midway between the Palatka end of the bridge and the draw.

The engine and trailers were valued at \$5,800.

THE PUTNAM COUNTY GIRLS' CANNING CLUB.

Miss Jessie Burton, County Agent, Writes Interesting-ly of the Work.

The girls of the Putnam county Tomato and Canning Club would like to call the attention of every reader of this paper to the work they are doing. In this article we are going to give you a brief history of the work in this county. Please read it.

The troubles and trials of the county agent in establishing the canning clubs in new places are such that it is really quite difficult to find a girl, or lady, who is willing to undertake the work. Therefore, our girls were rather late in their start. Our first agent made an excellent beginning, secured some sixty-five girls on her list, covered a great deal of territory, tried to do the work of three persons in the worst part of the winter, and broke down from overwork. This was rather a bad start, and very discouraging to the girls who were then getting ready to start their gardens.

The county went for quite a while without any agent, the girls meanwhile dropping out—principally from lack of encouragement. About the twentieth of April the present county agent agreed to take the place. Instructions from headquarters didn't show up, and she set out to secure all possible information from any and every source possible. Consequently there was another sick agent and another period of inactivity. From here on the work became more interesting and the story can be better told in the first person.

When my appointment was recognized at the Department of Agriculture it was dated May 11th. Notwithstanding the fact that I had put in three weeks of very arduous labor (for which I was fully paid) I did not become an employee of our Uncle Sammy until I received the notice of my appointment the eleventh of May.

At that time only 18 out of the original 65 club members were still interested in their tomatoes. The other 47 dropped out for various and sundry reasons, all of them very good reasons in themselves, but very discouraging to a county agent. The 18 club members are very enthusiastic and I am very proud of them; one of our girls is under age, but her tomato plants are doing so well and she is such a dear little thing that I insist in considering her one of us.

At the time of my appointment the plants were being transplanted. Some of the girls (whose parents were interested) had their tomato plants out in their plot, while some of the others had not yet seen the results of their second planting. By now all of the girls have either eaten tomatoes of their own vines or are saving them up for their "Sunday" dinner. And of the 18 girls I registered on my list not one has left me, and if I can just persuade them each and every one to hand in their report in essay form (that is part of their work) then our county club will stand a chance to win the fifty dollars offered by Wilson & Toomer Fertilizer Co., which will be almost \$500 a piece—provided we win it.

Just at present the question of prizes is disturbing my peace of mind. Of course we can't possibly land any state prize, the drought has seen to that; no do I have much hope of securing any of those prizes offered by firms throughout the south, or Florida, with the exception of the Wilson & Toomer prize. However, if any of our friends in this county care to offer any county prizes, I can assure them that I have some mighty smart girls in my club and we will appreciate the interest shown in our work.

Later on I will tell you something of the demonstrations we have held and if I can persuade the editor—who is a friend to this canning club work—to let us have the space, I am going to tell you something about the work accomplished by the different girls.

Yours truly,
JESSIE BURTON,
Crescent City, County Agent.
June 23rd, 1914.

SCHOOL BUILDING PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN

Palatka District Trustees Circulate Petition for Bond Election.

Have you noticed the plans of the new Palatka high school building now on exhibition in the Ackerman-Stewart window? If not go take a long look at once.

There is a rough draft of the front elevation of the new building together with the floor plans.

After you have had a good look at these plans, go up to Fifth street and take a look at the present high school. Surely after you have done this the petition now being circulated, asking the county school board to call a special election for voting bonds with which to erect a new building.

The Palatka trustees are asking you to vote \$100,000 for school purposes.

Of this amount \$80,000 is asked for the Palatka high school. A building of modern plan and as good as anything in the land—something that will place Palatka as far to the front educationally as it now is commercially and socially. The city can never lead commercially nor socially until it has made an educational advance. This high school is THE ONE THING NEEDED.

The Palatka colored school is to have \$13,000 of this bond money for making additions and improving the present building, which is entirely inadequate to the needs of the colored population.

The white school at East Palatka is to have a new building out of this bond money costing \$5,000. East Palatka needs this improvement and even more. East Palatka is growing. Later it will have to be given greater aid. But the committee thought this sufficient for the present. There is to be \$1,000 for a colored school at East Palatka.

Another \$1,000 of this money will go toward the building of a white school at Lundy, really in the Palatka Heights jurisdiction.

Sign the petition when it is presented to you.

God knows there is nothing so greatly needed in Palatka at the present time as school accommodations. Every property owner in the city ought to feel a shame for his city when he looks upon the shack which now does duty as the Palatka high school.

These petitions will be presented to the county school board at the first meeting in July, when it is expected the election will be called. We have waited long enough. Bend every energy now for this school. Carry the bond election by storm. Show you are heartily ashamed of the present Palatka school quarters.

FLORIDA RURAL LETTER CARRIERS

To Hold Fifth Annual Convention in Palatka.

The rural letter carriers of Florida of whom there are some 260, are to meet in their Fifth Annual convention in Palatka on the Fourth of July.

S. L. Jones, president of the association, has sent out the following call:

"The Fifth annual convention of rural letter carriers of Florida convenes in Palatka July 4th and every white carrier in the state is expected to attend.

"There is to be two days' Fourth of July celebration beginning on the night of the 3d. Motor boat races and numerous other entertainments. Special good band music both days. A jolly good time for everybody attending. Come and bring your wife and children, or sweetheart.

"There will be a free boat ride on the St. Johns river for rural carriers the Saturday evening, tendered by the Palatka board of trade.

"Come along, carriers, and make this 'Carriers Day' in Florida.

"The convention meets at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Come on Friday evening. We meet at the Howard Hotel, and carriers will be at the Howard Hotel, all in the same building, across the street from the postoffice."

At the opening of the convention on Saturday morning addresses of welcome will be delivered by Mayor Kennedy, Postmaster C. W. and E. J. Folsom, members of the board of trade. The response will be by President Jones.

These will be followed by the business of the convention, which includes several addresses on live topics by members of the association.

Methodist Quarterly Meetings. Rev. Smith Hardin, presiding elder of the Palatka District, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has announced the following appointments for quarterly meetings throughout the district:

Alachua at Shiloh—July 4-5.
Reddick at Kendrick—July 5-6.
Waldo—July 12-13.
Starke—July 13-14.
Citra at Pines—July 15.
Oviedo—July 18-19.
Sanford—July 19-20.
Enterprise—July 22.
Port Orange—July 25-26.
New Smyrna—July 26-27.
Bunnell—July 29.
Maitland at Conway—August 1-2.
Apopka—Aug. 2-3.
Seville—Aug. 5.
Palatka—Aug. 8-9.
Rodman—Aug. 12.
Crescent City—Aug. 15-16.
DeLand—Aug. 16-17.
Paisley—Aug. 23-24.
Umatilla—Aug. 24-25.
McMekin—Aug. 29-30.
Lochloosa—Sept. 5-6.
Anthony—Sept. 6-7.
Winter Garden—Sept. 10.

HENNESSY HELD TO CIRCUIT COURT

On Charge of Criminal Libel—Bond Placed at \$400.

James J. Hennessy the discharged clerk of the New South Farm & Home Co., mention of whose methods for "getting even" with his former employers was mentioned last week in this paper, was arrested in Jacksonville last Friday evening by Sheriff Kennerly on a warrant charging him with criminal libel. Hennessy was brought to Palatka on the train arriving here at 11:30 p.m., that night and lodged in jail. It was nearly six o'clock the following day that he was released on a cash bond of \$300 furnished by his wife. Then Hennessy went to the Putnam House.

The following letter, addressed to Mr. Zeigler of Kenwood, this county, was the basis of the charge of criminal libel preferred by the company.

Palatka, April 28th, 1914.

Dear Mr. Zeigler:

Please pardon my familiarity in addressing you as Dad, (the envelope was addressed to Dad Zeigler) but I could not remember your initials and wanted to let you know that I am hot on Sieg's trail, and I am getting up some facts and evidence which will do the work this time. You remember Mr. Jones and his son, who stopped with you, I do not recall his initials, but would like to get in touch with Mrs. Jones so as to get a statement from her about the way she was treated, being shown the land belonging to Wood when she was there, and then when her husband and son came they were put on entirely different land and built a house. You remember all about it no doubt. Now Mr. Zeigler in writing to you I am depending upon your honor as a man and I hope you won't betray this confidence by letting the company know about it. The company is insolvent. I am sure of that and I want to get a receiver appointed for the protection of all the poor people who have put in their hard earned cash. I want to make public some facts and Mr. W. S. Garr, whose land is in section 14, is owned by the A. C. L. Ry. has given me a letter to the editor of "The Star," Jacksonville, Fla. I hope Mrs. Jones will help by giving me a letter to the editor, and I want you to see them and help me if you can. If you know of anyone else who will help, get a letter from them. I am sure Mr. McCann will help and I will write to him. I don't want but three or four good ones. I would come down to see you but that would arouse too much curiosity, so I hope you will do what you can to help the thousands of poor victims.

Sincerely yours,

JAS. J. HENNESSY.

P. O. Box 98, 200 N. 3rd St., Palatka, Fla.

On Monday afternoon the case against Hennessy came up for preliminary hearing before Justice John E. Marshall, and the afternoon was taken up with argument over a motion of J. V. Walton, attorney for Hennessy, to squash the warrant on the ground that the charges are no offense under the statutes of Florida and that the facts are insufficient to prove that the New South Farm & Home Co. was meant by the defendant in his letter to Zeigler.

Geo. W. Bassett Jr. for the prosecution, urged vigorously and showed authority for the contention that any imputation which injures by bringing into ill-repute any man or business is an indictable offense. He also contended that when a fact is alleged even by innuendo, if such allegation is made by innuendo and which is an imputation per se, it is held to be an indictable offense.

It was late in the afternoon when Judge Marshall made his decision to deny the motion to squash, after which he adjourned the case to 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

On Tuesday afternoon evidence was introduced by the prosecution, the witnesses being Mr. Zeigler, the man to whom the libelous letter was written, Mr. Chas. H. Sieg, the president of the New South Farm & Home Co. and Mr. Fred W. Turner, vice president and assistant secretary and treasurer of the company. The latter simply to show that the company was solvent at the time the letter above quoted was written.

Since Mr. Zeigler's testimony was to show that he received the same through the mail, that it was written by Hennessy and that the said Hennessy meant the New South Farm & Home Co. when he wrote "the company is insolvent, I am sure of that and I want to get a receiver appointed," etc.

Arguments for the holding of Hennessy to the grand jury were made by Messrs. Bassett and Hilburn, and for his discharge by Mr. Walton.

Judge Marshall thought that it had been shown that Hennessy had injured the company by his publication of the false statements, and reentered judgment holding him to the grand jury next October in the sum of \$400.

Hennessy was placed in the custody of his attorney for an hour or two until he could secure a bond, which was later furnished by his wife.

It is understood that Attorney Walton will take the case before Judge Wills at Gainesville in an application for a writ of habeas corpus.

Jack Flinn Buys Rights Property.

J. B. Flinn, Palatka's popular cigar manufacturer and capitalist, has purchased the beautiful home of M. Dixon in the most exclusive section of beautiful Palatka Heights.

Mr. Dixon has three months under the arrangement with Mr. Flinn to vacate the property. As he has been for some time engaged in the milling business in Alabama, it is likely Mr. Dixon and family will move to that state.

Mr. Flinn states that one of the reasons which induced him to acquire a residence in the Heights was to enable him to exercise an influence in suburban politics. The prediction is made that there will be something doing now toward increasing the population of this suburb and also by way of extending its political influence.

ATLANTA COMPANY BUYS PALATKA GAS LIGHT & FUEL CO.

President G. Loper Bailey Retires after Twenty-one Years of Service.

The transfer by President G. Loper Bailey of his stock in the Palatka Gas Light & Fuel Company to the Solomon-Norcross Company of Atlanta is the most important business transaction of the year in Palatka. This transfer was made yesterday, Mr. P. H. Norcross of the Solomon-Norcross Co. acting for the purchasing company.

Mr. Bailey transferred his interest in the company, amounting to 85 per cent of the stock.

It has been known for some time that Mr. Bailey was anxious to dispose of his interest in this company, his reason for retiring being his health. He has been anxious to give Palatka good service, but because of his inability to give his personal attention to the affairs of the company, its product has not always been what he desired it should be.

It was only in March of this year that Mr. Bailey installed a large engine which is now in use, and he has just had a 2,400 light generating electric dynamo installed which gives the plant 100 per cent more capacity than needed for the lights now in use. The plant also has two dynamos for the city lighting, with a capacity of 170 per cent more business than the city now purchases.

G. Loper Bailey has been president of the Palatka Gas Light & Fuel Co. for the past 21 years. He has been in poor health for the past eight or ten years, but nevertheless has given close attention to this branch of his investments. It has been too great a tax on him, and the News is glad that he can get rid of all the worry.

Mr. Norcross says that his company will make the necessary, or all, improvements to the plant, that there will be a 24 hour current under his company's management.

There will be more lights of the kind now in use on Riverside Drive in front of the home of Mr. W. T. Hamm. This is a Novalux, the new high efficiency Mazda lamp.

Dr. Frank McKee Suffers Stroke. Word comes from Melrose that Dr. Frank McKee, one of the most popular men in the county and at one time a representative in the legislature, has suffered a stroke of paralysis, which affects his left side.

At last report the stricken physician was resting easily and hopes are entertained that he will recover. Dr. McKee is a practicing physician and his practice takes him to all parts of west Putnam and neighboring counties. He is a most lovable man and his friends in all parts of the county will receive notice of his affliction with great solicitude.

Corn by the Carload.

Mr. W. C. Townsend, interested both at Lake Butler (Bradford county) and at Salt Springs, (Marion county), was a Tuesday visitor. He says that it is his brother who is the farmer of the family. He sold corn last year by the carload, and Mr. Townsend thinks he will be able to repeat the story this year. In which the farmers were blessed with two big rains that did not reach down to far, and Mr. Townsend says that two rains are sufficient for a corn crop. The Townsend Brothers have the reputation of being the best farmers in Florida.—Ocala Banner.

Gem City Band Gets Instruments.

Some ten or a dozen of the new instruments for the new Gem City Band arrived on Tuesday and members of the band have been holding night ly practices at the Armory, under direction of Mr. A. C. Wallace, the band master. The instruments are silver plated and are of very fine make—standard instruments.

The new band has 23 members and more are anxious to join. The band hopes to get help from the city, have the instruments owned by the city, and in return is to give the city all the music it asks on celebrations or at public meetings. Band Director Wallace was director of the St. Johns Park band and is a leader of experience and thorough.

Ocala-Palatka Freight Line.

The Carmichael freight boat, being built at Silver Springs, has her hull completed, and is quite an imposing looking craft as she sits on the stocks by the spring. The boat will be driven by vapor engines, which will use a cheap grade of petroleum costing about 3 cents a gallon. It is a magnificent piece of enterprise on the river, and business sense as well as patriotism demands that our merchants back him up with every possible pound of freight.—Ocala Star.

Tri-County Fair Organized.

Some two score gentlemen interested in the organization of a tri-county fair association, to embrace the counties of Clay, Putnam and St. Johns, met at the Court House last Saturday afternoon. S. W. Roy of San Mateo was called to the chair and Moses Folsom acted as secretary.

The talk was all favorable to the project. T. R. Waldrop, C. H. Sieg, P. J. Becke, E. L. Mann, H. L. Chase, Dr. D. C. Main and R. R. Brakeman spoke for Putnam county. R. L. Burr, J. O. Stevenson, and L. I. Moody for St. Johns and W. H. Baker and E. P. Smith for Clay county.

A committee was appointed to draw up a charter and report at a subsequent meeting. Temporary officers were chosen as follows: President, Chas. H. Sieg; vice president, Dr. D. C. Main; treasurer, P. J. Becke; secretary, R. M. Burr.

Yesterday afternoon the committee met at the board of trade rooms and appointed other committees to look after the various lines of work needed to effect the organization and lay the plans for the first fair under the tri-county plan.